

ABSOLUTE RATING: Excellent
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Good

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 55.

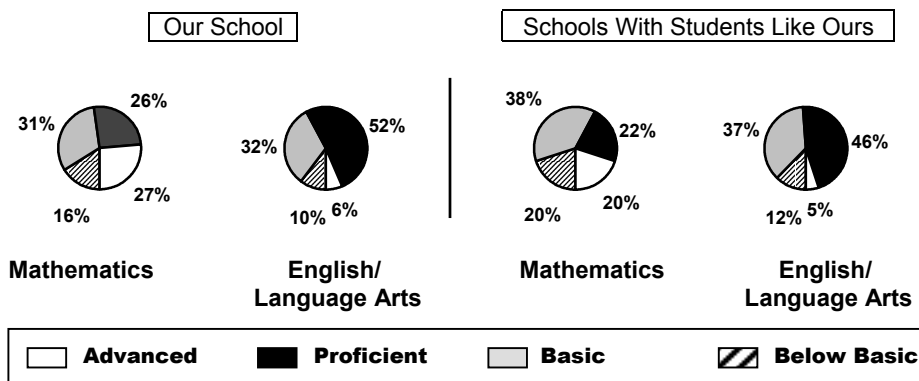
The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- **Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- **Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- **Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- **Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=407)	89.7	83.8	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=29)	N/A	40		
Students without disabilities (n=376)	92	87.3		
Gender				
Male (n=207)	88.9	83.7		
Female (n=198)	91.4	83.8		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=131)	77.9	65.2		
Hispanic (n=2)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=265)	96.2	92.5		
Other (n=4)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=121)	77.7	58.2		
Pay for lunch (n=284)	95.4	94.7		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,153	N/A	\$4,772	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	92%	Down from 92.5%	90.7%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.6 to 1	N/A	20.5 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=920)				
• Attendance Rate	96.5%	Down from 96.9%	96.5%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	6.7%	N/A	2.8%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	4.2%	N/A	1.8%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	82.7%	Up from 79.6%	95.1%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	3.5%	No change	2.3%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=53)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7.9 Days	Up from 6.2	7.6 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	96.4%	Up from 96.2%	95.3%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	39.6%	No change	55.3%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	77.4%	Down from 87.8%	88%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	No change	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	83.5%	Up from 82.7%	89.5%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$36,956	Up 6.4%	\$38,865	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	64.7%	N/A	66%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	3	N/A	4	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	96.8%	N/A	98.2%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	20.6%	Up from 17.2%	28%	43.1%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	62.7%	Up from 0.3%	0.6%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	0	N/A	0	1
• Gifted and talented	40.8%	Down from 41.5%	23.7%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	7.7%	Up from 5.8%	7.7%	8.4%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Aiken Elementary is very proud of the accomplishments made by our students, faculty and staff, and volunteers this school year. A few highlights follow:

A summary report of our Five Year Action Plan was written by The School Improvement Team based on implementing, monitoring, reviewing, and updating the school's identified goals.

Two students selected to attend S.C. Young Writers' Conference received Excellence Awards; seven students were Regional winners in the CSRA Science Fair; one student received State Honorable Mention in Art in the PTA-sponsored Reflections Program; and our Knowledge Master Team scored second in the State.

Our students exceeded the District and State PACT results in all areas tested.

All 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students created multimedia Power Point presentations. All 2nd graders participated in class Power Point presentations. All 1st and 2nd grade students learned word-processing. Five hundred ninety-two technology classes were taught to 1st through 5th graders in the Media Center.

Mrs. Francine Alsbrooks, 2nd grade teacher, was selected as our school TEACHER OF THE YEAR and Aiken County's SCIRA Distinguished Reading Teacher.

Debra Rood, 5th grade teacher, won the regional Intergenerational Programming award.

Our teachers wrote and received grants for a total of \$4,350.

Aiken Elementary is an exceptional school due to the dedication and commitment to excellence by the teachers and staff and to the parents who volunteer their time and talents to assist our school.

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	94.1	81.8	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	90.2	86.4	
Satisfied with home-school relations	96.1	92.3	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Aiken Elementary
2050 Pinelag Road
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Grades K-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 920 Students

Principal

Mrs. Sharon Foret Cagle 803-641-2740

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Dr. Linda B. Eldridge 803-641-2428

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001



School Grade:
Excellent

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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